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## Beim Schulanfang.

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Aus alten Sagen tönet uns die Kunde  
Vom heiligen Gral und seiner seltnen Kraft,  
Dass, wer an Leib und Seele sei erschlaft  
Und ihn erschaue, wunderbar gesunde.

Es fliehe Gram und Unmut ihn zur Stunde,  
Bezähmt sei jede niedre Leidenschaft;  
Ihm fliesse neuverjüngt der Lebenssaft,  
Und schnell vernarbe jede Erdenwunde.

Dem Grale gleich acht' ich den regen Geist,  
Der uns zu segensreichem Wirken führt  
Und uns zum Kulde alles Edlen weist.

O, werd' sein Walten heut aufs neu verspürt,  
Die Kette treuer Arbeit fest geschweisst  
Und der Begeist'ung Feuer wohl geschürt.

*Dr. H. H. Fick, Cincinnati.*